

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

February 25, 2004 LB 1049

something that is...would help with the people in this age group. This is someplace where we really could do some good for the people. The cost isn't that excessive. It's in the \$60,000 to \$100,000 range, or a little over. But one thing you want to remember, these people don't receive benefits unless the benefits are paid in. This isn't something that they're getting for free. Someplace along the line, someone has paid the unemployment insurance on them. And the fact is that they're not entitled to 100 percent of it. So this isn't something that somebody is going to go make out and get a huge sum of money for. This is something that's going to tide people over on low incomes until they can possibly do some work the next year. And it will probably help them to stay in their own homes and stay in their own areas where they can be independent and get by for a few more years. This happens in a lot of places, if we're not very careful. If you set it up so that these people can't make a certain amount of money, then they go onto Medicaid just that much quicker. I see them in the rest homes, in the health care facilities many a times. They have spent all the money they have, and so they are therefore put into these homes. And then the state has to pick up the difference there to support them. This is something that we can do to help people that want to help themselves. And I would certainly urge you to support my amendment, AM2291. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Members, please take your seats. We are under call. We're waiting on Senator Quandahl. Senator Loudon has requested a roll call vote. All unexcused members are present. And I'll remind the members that this is a vote on reconsidering the Loudon amendment. Following that, there would be a vote on the amendment itself. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 776.)  
31 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The motion to reconsider...

CLERK: Or, excuse me, on the motion to reconsider,  
Mr. President. Sorry.